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## The federal election presents opportunity to address issues of concern to the Jewish community

By Bob Dale

With the federal election campaign in full swing, members of Canada's Jewish community have many issues in common with other Canadians.

Should they vote for parties promoting increased spending on health care and other social programs, or those favouring tax cuts and

paying down the national debt? Should Canada continue to push for more liberalized trading relationships, or should trade liberalization take a back seat to mechanisms focusing more on human rights and binding labour standards as key conditions of trade? Should the federal government devolve more power to Quebec and

other provinces, or do we need a more activist central government? How fast and how far should Canada go in its support of programs aimed at combating global warming?

Hopefully, as the election campaign progresses, Canadians will have the opportunity to obtain the types of

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## UJA golf tournament chairs aim to put the fun into fund-raising

By Diane Koven

With most of us just starting to feel the pre-winter blues, three couples have found a way to completely bypass the next two seasons (at least in their minds) and are already focusing on next summer's UJA Golf Tournament.

How did it come about that three couples are jointly chairing the tournament? Why, the idea was hatched over a golf game, of course! Charles Schachnow chaired the tournament two years ago; Lori and Arthur Loeb were last year's chairs. While all did an admirable job, they felt

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UJA'S GOLF TOURNAMENT CHAIRS (front row from left to right): Lori Loeb, Ellen Cherney, Cindy Schachnow; (back row) Arthur Loeb, Roo Cherney, Charles Schachnow.



The Foundation's Founders

Four original founders of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, (left to right) Hy Soloway, Norman Zagerman, Bernie Shinder and David Loeb, attend the Foundation's 25th anniversary "Be a Friend ... Bring a Friend" wind-up event. The thank you evening brought together 200 friends of the Foundation to celebrate its growth and achievements over the last 25 years. (More on pages 18 and 19.)

(Photo: Randy Stille)

## Hurricane Alert!

On November 29 at 5:30 pm, Ottawa residents need to be on the alert as Hurricane Rubin is expected to blow through Ottawa.

Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, one of the greatest middleweight professional boxers of the 20th century, wrongfully convicted of a triple homicide and subsequently imprisoned for 19 years, will be this year's featured keynote speaker at the 3rd Annual Community Sports Dinner and fund-raising event.

You won't want to miss this year's whirlwind event which is presented by the

Soloway Jewish Community Centre and The Ottawa Senators Foundation.

There will be no shortage of athletes at the event either. Members of the Ottawa Senators Hockey Club, Ottawa 67's Hockey Club, past and present Olympic athletes including members of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Team, and professional athletes including Ottawa Rough Rider alumni will be among the more than 50 athletes in attendance and seated at every table. As well, former national bas-

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## COMMENTARY

# Should the Jewish community support United Way?



## VAAD Report

Stephen Greenberg  
President, Vaad Ha'ir

In a recent Jewish Family Services newsletter that was highly critical of the United Way, Mark Zarecki, the executive director of JFS, wrote that the United Way board was composed primarily of white, Anglo-Saxon males and that it was insensitive to the emerging ethno-cultural needs of the Ottawa-Carleton area. He also suggested that his readers, the vast majority of whom are Jewish, designate their United Way gift so that their donation goes only to Jewish Family Services and that nothing is given to support the other agencies and institutions that United Way funds.

As a member of the United Way board I was surprised to read such misleading statements. So were the women, Francophones, Catholics, Muslims and visible minorities who also sit on the board.

While I disagree with Mark's criticisms of United Way and in particular his approach, my real concern is with a much broader issue; as Jews what is our responsibility to

the larger community in which we live? Do we have a responsibility to fund charities such as United Way or should our charitable giving be only to the Jewish community and in particular one agency such as JFS?

A major strength of our local Jewish community is the United Jewish Appeal Campaign which allows us to raise funds, through one campaign, for over 20 beneficiary agencies and institutions. Funds are then allocated to reflect community priorities. While very few agencies are ever satisfied with their allocation, this process provides donors with one-stop giving and hopefully ensures that all worthy agencies, and not necessarily just the most vocal agencies, get funded. This is how a strong community is built.

United Way performs much the same function in the general community as United Jewish Appeal does in ours. Recognizing the importance of United Way, members of our community have always supported it both as donors and as leaders. Solly Patroutsch was the 1999 United Way campaign chair and Josee Posen was recently the chair of the board.

Our community's philanthropic leadership in Ottawa extends far beyond United Way. Arnie Vered is currently chairing CHEO's Building Campaign and Lawrence Soloway is performing the same function for the Heart Institute.

A number of other prominent members of our community have assumed leadership roles on hospital boards and local university boards.

The involvement of these individuals, who are also very active in Jewish community life, reflects their belief that we have an obligation to support charitable and non-profitable agencies throughout the Ottawa Region. They live, work, and play in Ottawa and are determined to play an active role in helping to make it a better and more caring community.

It is a mistake to suggest that gifts to United Way from Jews be designated only to Jewish Family Services and that we ignore broader community needs. We do not live in an insular cocoon.

We have a responsibility to play an active role in the city in which we live and not to retreat into a narrow definition of parochial self-interest. We have always supported the general community. I hope we keep it that way.

## Communal upgrades

Our Jewish community has been very busy for several years working to build the community campus. This has brought a new reality for all of us; the new facilities are a blessing and provide great opportunities to grow and develop. Other elements of our shared communal institutions have also been actively bringing us new facilities.

The great work of the Chevre Kadisha, a completely volunteer organization, has been enhanced with the new funeral chapel which is available to all of us in time of trauma and great need. Although we may not always think about the assistance these wonderful people provide, we are very much aware of the impact of their efforts when we require their services.

Our cemeteries are in a similar category. Although owned by our local synagogues, all of the cemeteries are managed and maintained by a volunteer committee consisting of representatives of the respective congregations. They spend a great deal of time and effort to carefully budget the funds to insure that these precious tracts of land are looked after properly and are ready for the holy purpose to which they are dedicated.

In the past few years, the New Cemetery in Osgoode Township has undergone a great deal of work. New and impressive gates and landscaping, a gift of the Cwinn family, now enhance the cemetery's appearance and provide a sense of serenity. About a year ago a new chapel for small graveside funerals was also erected thanks to a gift of the Cwinn's. It is a striking building and provides for the comfort and protection from the elements for the mourners and their friends, preliminary to the burial.



## From the pulpit

Rabbi Arnold Fine  
Agudath Israel

There are also bathroom facilities available. The rabbis of the community, the cemetery committee and members of the Chevre Kadisha were all part of the consultations which preceded the building of the chapel. As one of the rabbis who has used it on several occasions, I know of its blessing.

At the same time, the venerable, original cemetery on Bank Street has also been upgraded. Again, a dedicated group of volunteers raised the funds to provide paved pathways, new and upgraded fences and repairs and refurbishing of the building that has been there for so many years. There is also an improved access. I am told that more is being planned.

In many communities the facilities to deal with the pain and trauma brought by death are rarely supported by the efforts of volunteers. Communal cemeteries are often bleak and depressing. We are blessed by the generosity of those who are dedicated to insuring that we have well maintained facilities and burial areas. This is truly a part of the consolation when we visit the cemetery and helps support us as we mourn the great loss of someone whom we love.

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## Veteran canvasser now enjoys benefits of UJA dollars

By Diane Koven

A visit with Harry Torontow in his bright, airy and tastefully decorated room in The Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge brings to mind the saying, "What goes around, comes around."

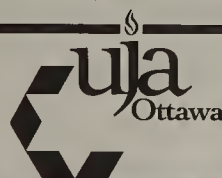
Mr. Torontow, who proudly invited his guest to guess how old he turned on his recent birthday (the guest tactfully declined!) is an amazingly spry, alert 95-year-old resident of the brand-new facility. Though it had been open for only a couple of weeks, the building was alive with activity; residents and staff appeared comfortable and totally at home.

Besides the artwork of Mr. Torontow's artist niece, Deborah Cosman, photos and mementos adorn the room. One wall is covered with an impressive array of plaques and citations which Mr. Torontow received over a number of years for his volunteer work with the United Jewish

Appeal of Ottawa.

For several years, Mr. Torontow chaired what was then known as the Metro Division. "At the time, there were about 300 cards," he says, "the most difficult to collect from, and they asked me to take charge. I arranged a meeting with some of my friends and asked them to work with me. Nobody said no. There were about eight of us, all anxious to do the job. We felt that UJA was very important."

UJA would become important in Mr. Torontow's own life. When, in later years, his health became precarious, he spent extended periods of time in the Civic Hospital, in the Elisabeth Bruyere Centre, at Rideau Place and, finally, at the former Hillel Lodge on Wurtemburg Street. For the man who was the very first salesman hired by the M. Loeb Company and who subsequently spent his 40-year career with that same company, a



Harry Torontow and his son David stand proudly with Harry's UJA plaques of recognition in his room at the Lodge.

man who even now enjoys reading and quiet contemplation, life was difficult in the various facilities.

The move to the beautiful new Hillel Lodge, one of the beneficiary agencies of the Ottawa UJA, has given Mr. Torontow a new lease on

life. In the days when he was collecting money to help others, he could never have imagined that he would one day enjoy the benefits of UJA dollars. With a smile and a twinkle in his eye, says Harry Torontow, "Now I am in heaven."

### "Where do my UJA dollars go?"

## The Tikvah Program acts like a caring family

By Diane Koven

In previous columns, we've highlighted some of the wonderful work done by UJA abroad, both for our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine and for the multitude of good causes in Eretz Israel. What about the money raised in Ottawa that actually stays in Ottawa?

Of all the programs that receive financial support from our local UJA dollars, none is more poignant and heartwarming than the Tikvah Program of Jewish Family Services. The Tikvah (hope) fund helps those who need financial assistance – who need help and need it immediately. It helps people with specific, basic needs such as dental work, new glasses or moving expenses.

Any Jewish person, or family, whose income is limited may apply to the Tikvah fund, being assured of complete confidentiality and a kind and

empathetic response. A helping hand in a difficult time is often enough to get a person through a crisis and back on his feet. Many people have turned to the Tikvah fund and found relief from the fear and pressures caused by limited financial resources.

Jonathan, originally from the Ottawa area, had been living in British Columbia. When his marriage ended, he needed a fresh start and decided to return to Ottawa. He no longer had family here and arrived with very little money. After contacting Jewish Family Services, Jonathan was able to receive \$50 a month for three months from the Tikvah fund as well as \$300 for his first month's rent.

The Tikvah Program is more than just the Tikvah fund; it also works with partner programs such as the Kasher Food Bank, the Furniture Depot, Im Tizku'l Mitzvot (those in the community who provide donated professional

services or goods,) the Ezra Fund (an emergency fund for financial crises) and other community services.

The Tikvah Program helped connect Jonathan with the Kasher Food Bank, local synagogues and employment services. Basically, it acted like a caring family. That's what the program is all about – it is committed to those in need, to show them that their community cares about their well-being and that they matter.

Sometimes, it is difficult enough to make ends meet but the little "extras" become impossible. That is where the Tikvah fund steps in. Jackie, a single mother with two children in elementary school, works hard at a full-time job that pays only minimum wage and offers no benefits. When she approached the Tikvah fund in the hope of getting financial assistance so her children could attend summer camp, she not only received \$500 towards

camp fees but continued to receive \$150 each month to help her and the children throughout the year.

Rebecca Rabinovitch is the co-ordinator of the Tikvah Program. She finds great satisfaction in seeing the expressions of relief on her clients' faces when they find that someone really cares. "It is nice to hear the appreciation and relief in people's voices," she says, "when I am able to tell them that we will assist them, financially or otherwise. Understandably, clients are always grateful for whatever help that will ease their stresses."

It is always better to give than to receive, but any one of us could be on the receiving end at any time. What a comfort to know that our community has provided a safety net for unexpected difficulties. When you give to UJA, you can be assured that help will always be there for those who need it.

## ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

### Hon. Herb Gray JNF's Negev dinner honouree

Deputy Prime Minister Herb Gray will be the honouree at this year's JNF Negev Dinner. JNF President Mark Klyman announced that this gala event will take place on Tuesday, December 5, at Congregation Machzikei Hadas. Rabbi Reuven Bulka, a longtime friend of Gray and a former honouree himself, will serve as the dinner chair.

"We at JNF were unanimous in wanting to pay tribute to our deputy prime minister, a tower of strength involved in Canadian politics for almost 40 years," Klyman emphasized. "He has always represented not only his immediate constituency, but the Jewish Community of Canada as well."

Gray was born in Windsor, Ontario and received his law degree from Osgoode Hall. He was first elected to Parliament in 1962 and has never been defeated in all

subsequent elections.

The first Jew to be appointed to the federal cabinet, Gray has served as minister without portfolio, and minister of national revenue, consumer and corporate affairs, industry, trade and commerce, regional economic expansion, and as president of the treasury board.

From 1984 to 1990, Gray served as Opposition house leader and from 1990 to 1991 as leader of the Opposition. In November 1993, he was appointed leader of the Government in the House of Commons and solicitor general. In June 1997, he was appointed deputy prime minister, a position he holds to this day.

Herb Gray and Sharon Sholberg-Gray are the parents of Jonathan and Elizabeth.

All the proceeds from this year's Negev Dinner Campaign will go towards the



The Hon. Herb Gray

building of a playground for disabled children at the Center for Development of Intra-Family Communication (Havaya Plus), situated in Kibbutz Magen in the Western Negev Desert.

Havaya Plus can be translated to mean "experience plus" and the new facilities will be integrated into the already existing playground. This specially designed yard will not only provide the extra space needed for activities for disabled children, but also special equipment and structures that will enable the staff to teach the children new motor skills.

For further information and reservations, call JNF Ottawa (798-2411).

### Hands-On Mitzvah Day

## Breaking the cycle of poverty

By Shelli Kimmel

One of the myths about poverty is that it doesn't exist in the Ottawa Jewish community. If only that were so.

The Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir was so concerned that the Kehila Task Force was created to address the issue of poverty in the community. As well, a few years ago, the Agudath Israel Social Action Committee, responding to a need identified by Jewish Family Services, began the Kasher Food Bank. Today the food bank provides food for over 60 families per month.

When many of us think of poverty, there is often a stereotype that comes to mind. However, these days, there are many people living pay cheque to pay cheque, barely making ends meet, yet living what appears to be a comfortable life. Feeding and clothing the family can become an

onerous task. Members of both the Jewish and broader communities are having to turn to a number of agencies for assistance.

On Sunday, November 26, one of the major components of the Hands-On Mitzvah Day will be a panel discussion entitled "Breaking the Cycle of Poverty" organized by the Agudath Israel Social Action Committee. The program, including breakfast, will be held at the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building at 9:00 am. The panel will be composed of people on the front lines who either work day to day with those affected, or perhaps personally live with the stresses of poverty.

Allen Moscovitch, a member of the Kehila Task Force, will focus his remarks on seniors and the findings of the task force. Mark Zarecki, executive director of Jewish Family

Services (JFS) will address the psychology of poverty, the feelings of exclusion, marginalization and low self-esteem. Joining them will be a client of JFS who will speak from a personal perspective and Aharon Mayne who has experience dealing with and assisting the immigrant Somali population. Completing the panel will be Dorothy O'Connell, long-time community activist, who will discuss the plight of the homeless. The moderator will be social worker Yaffa Greenbaum, chair of the panel's organizing committee.

Also taking place in the building are a Blood Donor Clinic, a Mitzvah Marketplace and numerous mitzvah projects in which to participate. By donating one day you can make a difference in our community. For more information call Shelli Kimmel (798-4696 ext. 258).

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Remembrance Day, November 11

# Cy Torontow shares his war-time experiences

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

*Editor's note: On Saturday, November 11, the annual Remembrance Day Shabbat will be held at Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street. At that time, those members of the Ottawa Jewish community who gave their lives for our country in the two world wars will be memorialized.*

In the following article, Cy Torontow shares his war-time experiences with Bulletin readers.

The citation presented to RCAF Wing Commander Cy Torontow is testament to his valued service on behalf of Canada in the Second World War. It reads: This officer has participated in 97 war flights, many of them in adverse weather. In a little less than twelve months, he has flown 1041 operational hours on reconnaissance

and convoy escort duties. On one occasion he successfully completed a convoy escort patrol requiring twenty-two consecutive hours flying. His exceptional keenness and devotion to duty has at all times been an outstanding example to his comrades.

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In 1939, teenager Cy Torontow was at loose ends. The Lisgar Collegiate graduate was fed up with school, had no desire to follow his father into the grocery business, and no burning ambition in any other direction. So, when a friend, Abe Schwartz, announced that he intended to join the RCAF, Cy decided to follow suit. He joined the RCAF in April, 1939, one month before his 19th birthday and enjoyed a distinguished 30-year career with the Air Force.

"Abe had all the papers but in the end he didn't

join," chuckles Cy. "His mother had convinced him the Air Force was no job for a nice Jewish boy."

War was talked about then, but not really anticipated and Cy was assigned a job as a clerk at RCAF headquarters. Then World War II broke out.

"I wanted to be more active in the war so I took lessons at a flying club in Quyon, Quebec to earn a pilot's licence so that I could apply for aircrew training," says Cy. "I had a little difficulty getting approval because my boss at headquarters liked me and kept putting my application at the bottom of the pile."

His superior finally relented and forwarded the application and Cy was sent to Toronto to participate in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan (BCATP).

In his memoirs, *Up Up*



Cy Torontow

and *Oy Vay*, an invaluable history of his life and times written for his grandchildren, Cy writes, "The BCATP was probably one of Canada's most important contributions of the war. The tiny RCAF, comprising just 3,000 men in September, 1939, took on one of the major projects of the Second World War. At its peak, the Training Plan had 107 schools, flying more than 10,000 aircraft, employing 104,000 men

and women. By war's end, Canada had spent \$16 billion on the Plan, covering three-quarters of its cost, and graduated 103,000 aircrew (pilots, navigators, wireless operators, gunners and flight engineers) from New Zealand, Australia, Great Britain and a few occupied countries of Europe.

Canadian graduates alone manned 45 overseas squadrons and also made up 25 percent of the aircrew in England's Royal Air Force."

Following basic training, Cy was assigned to Coastal Command near Victoria, British Columbia. After some 75 hours of pilot instruction and with almost 200 flying hours under his belt, on October 5, 1941 he received his 'Wings'. The RCAF pilot was assigned to Coastal Command with Squadron 116 in Sydney, Nova Sco-

tia, and later joined the newly formed Squadron 117.

"As 'flying boats', our job was to look for German subs and sink them," he explains.

Once he had logged 1600 hours on maritime operations, his tour was completed. Then word came from Ottawa that experienced transport pilots who had completed a tour of operations could be released from the RCAF to join Trans Canada Airlines, which was then suffering from a severe pilot shortage. Cy had just about made up his mind to switch when it was rumoured that he was being considered for a job overseas. Happily for Cy, the rumour proved true.

Cy Torontow retired from the RCAF in 1969 and, for the next 15 years went on to a further career

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## MLDP developing next generation of communal leaders

By Diane Koven

Five years ago, Jamie Melamed was one of the very first recruits to join the fledgling Men's Leadership Development Program (MLDP). After progressing through the ranks, including a stint as program director and as vice-chair, he is now the chair of what is meant to be a two-year program.

"The people in the group enjoy it so much," says Melamed, "that they continue; they don't want to stop. It really is a very good group of guys."

Adds this year's co-chair (in training to take over the reins next year) Glenn Wolff, "There is such a spirit of camaraderie and oneness. This is about bringing up leaders for the future to take their places on the boards."

The goal of the program is to develop the next generation of leaders in our community, through training in leadership skills, tzedakah and personal growth.

Through monthly meetings with guest speakers and personal mentoring and coaching by group members, leadership skills are both learned and practised. During the first year, members sit as observers on various agency boards. "Many of our members who took part as observers were asked to stay on afterwards as full members," says Melamed.

Both Melamed and Wolff are originally from Montreal and both agree that joining the MLDP has enabled them to really become connected to the Ottawa Jewish community. It's a great opportunity to meet people, to work together on worthwhile projects and to derive a sense of personal satisfaction.




Jamie Melamed (left) and Glenn Wolff

When volunteering, the group's aim is twofold. "We want to not only have a good time," says Melamed, "but to be the best at what we do. For example, last year we were involved in the UJA Walkathon and we were asked to man a checkpoint. We went all out, decorating the checkpoint, playing music, even organizing the fruit display. We

had the best checkpoint!" Although the focus of the program is the development of leadership skills, as an added bonus, many of the members have made lasting friendships and get together socially throughout the year.

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## ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

## Cy Torontow shares his war-time experiences

(Continued from page 5)

in the federal Department of Transport from which he retired in 1984. Cy and his wife, Norma, live in Ottawa. They have two children and five grandchildren.

Cy has used his retirement years to tremendous advantage. He was the impetus behind the publication of *There I Was ... A Collection of Reminiscences by Members of the Ottawa Jewish Community who Served in World War II*. These first person anecdotes taken as a whole showcase the contribution of Ottawa's Jews to the Second World War.

### Excerpt from Cy Torontow's contribution to *There I Was ... A Collection of Reminiscences by Members of the Ottawa Jewish Community who Served in World War II*

In the summer of 1944, I had one of the cushiest jobs in the RCAF. The boss man of RCAF forces in the UK at that time, Air Marshal Lloyd Breadner, had wangled an aircraft for his personal use. Although this aircraft, a Lockheed Hudson, was housed and maintained by the Royal Air Force's Transport Command, Breadner insisted that the crew be Canadian.

The first skipper, Squadron Leader Casey Walsh, had been pulled out of 407 Squadron, the famous "Demon" squadron, then flying Hudsons on anti-shipping strikes. But Casey was tour-expired and due for repatriation. Somehow, I was lucky enough to be named as his replacement.

I was posted to Overseas Headquarters, London, and, for flight duties, attached to the RAF's 24 Squadron

based at Hendon Airport. Our duties were to fly the air marshal on his infrequent visits to Canadian bases in the UK. Later, as the invasion of Europe progressed, we'd fly the air marshal, or visiting VIPs from Canada, to locations in France, Belgium, Holland, Italy and Germany, as these fell into Allied hands. When not so engaged, we were to be on call at the end of a telephone.

This left me with lots of time on my hands, ample to establish contacts with several friends from Ottawa's Jewish community whom I knew to be in or around London.

One of these was Rudy Mosion, a man I have always considered larger than life. I recall, as a youngster of 10 or 11, Rudy delivering bread to my dad's store in Sandy Hill,

mode of transport a horse and buggy. Rudy occasionally let me go with him on the rig, and taught me the language of horses: gee, haw, whoa and giddyap. Holding the reins in trembling hands, I'd whisper instructions to the horse. Thankfully, he'd completely ignore me; he knew the route a helluva lot better than I ever would.

Rudy's job in London was as a victualling officer, providing food, drink and other necessities to our destroyers and corvettes returning to Halifax. He obviously made some valuable contacts. At a time when accommodation in London was as scarce as diamonds, he managed to acquire a luxury flat in one of London's posher districts, Maida Vale.

Another friend was Sammy Koffman. Dressed

in army fatigues, Sammy always seemed to be standing "at ease", shoulders hunched slightly forward, knees bent, a half-silly grin on his face, always ready to burst into a smile, and pants too long. Maybe he wasn't the military's idea of sartorial splendour, but his constant pleasantness, his readiness to give you his last dime if asked - not to mention his hundreds of funny stories - marked Sammy as a superior human being. We all loved him.

A third "regular" was Moe Appel, whose father ran a grocery store just five blocks from the one my dad owned on Somerset Street East. Moe was then a senior editor with Reuters News Agency and had been transferred to London early in the war. Accommodation being what it was, Moe and his wife Molly lived in a

rented house well north of London; I believe the town was Watford, or a village nearby. On the few occasions I visited Moe in his office, I marvelled at his ability to keep a dozen or more news events in his head, continually updated by a clattering teletype in his office.

Rudy, by now a seasoned Londoner, had discovered a favourite hangout, a Jewish pub that specialized in potato latkes. Also, to our delight, he made us aware of an amazing affinity between latkes and English beer. Many nights were spent gorging on latkes washed down with pints of bitter. We listened in nervous but laughing wonder as Rudy tossed Limey and Yiddish insults at the waiters, and we roared at Sammy's inexhaustible fund of wild stories.

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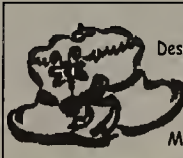
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## ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

### *Jewish leaders meet with prime minister on Middle East*

A delegation of senior Canadian Jewish leaders, under the aegis of the Canada-Israel Committee and led by Chair Joe Wilder, met with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien on October 17.

"Government statements and the affirmative Canadian vote on the Security Council resolution blaming Israel for the current violence were a source of acute distress for the Jewish community," said Wilder.

"We saw this encounter as an opportunity to

express our profound concern about the Canadian approach and to urge the prime minister to take steps that could be put into place to preclude ill-advised and unbalanced interventions by Canada in the future."

Joining Wilder and CIC Executive Director Rob Ritter at the meeting were: Lawrence Hart, president, B'nai Brith Canada; Frank Diamant, executive vice-

president, B'nai Brith Canada; Moshe Ronen, president, Canadian Jewish Congress; Jack Silverstone, executive vice-presi-

dent, Canadian Jewish Congress; and Tom Hecht, president du Comité Canada-Israel de Québec.

"The delegation left the meeting encouraged that the prime minister has a genuine appreciation for our concerns and is anxious for Canada to play a constructive role in improving the situation in the Middle East," said Wilder.

Chrétien has since appointed his chief foreign policy adviser, Claude Laverdure, as liaison between the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Canadi-

an Jewish leadership, thus establishing a direct pipeline between his office and Jewish leadership to hear their concerns on Middle East issues.

The delegation also met with Canadian Alliance leader Stockwell Day.

"One of the main reasons we wanted to meet with Day was to express the appreciation of the Jewish community from across the country for the sensitive and balanced statements issued by the Alliance in connection with recent events in the

Middle East," said Wilder.

"We were impressed with his understanding of how sensitive these issues are and the imperative for Canada to ensure that its statements and actions are fair, balanced and aimed at securing for Canada a constructive role in the pursuit of peace for the region," said Wilder.

Day indicated during the meeting that his views on Israel and the recent UN Security Council vote are a matter of principle from which he would not deviate.

### Reincarnation and Judaism

### **Author and scholar Rabbi Dovber Pinson to lecture on Nov. 20**

The Ottawa Torah Center (OTC) will present an evening with the renowned Jewish thinker, Rabbi Dovber Pinson on Monday, November 20, at 8:00 pm.

A noted author, scholar and lecturer, Pinson will speak on the topic of Reincarnation and Judaism -

*The Journey of the Soul at the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building.*

Pinson has written two books on Jewish mysticism and related subjects, with another two to be published soon.

His first release, *Reincarnation and Judaism:*

*The Journey of the Soul,*

was featured as a main selection of the *Jewish Book News*, and his latest volume, *Inner Rhythms: The Kabbalah of Music*, was hailed by *News* editor Arthur Kurzweil as "an extraordinary meditation on the nature and the meaning

of music ..."

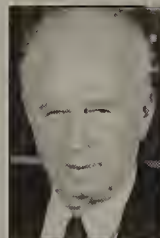
In addition to his writing, Pinson has responded to the recent surge of interest in Kabbalah and Jewish mysticism by hitting the lecture circuit.

"This is a fascinating topic and there's a lot of confusion about it," says

Rabbi Menachem Blum, director of the OTC, "Rabbi Pinson is the perfect guide to take us for a glimpse into a world we might never have known existed".

Tickets are \$7.00 per person. Advanced tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 by calling 823-0866.

### NOTICE



The Embassy of Israel will hold a ceremony commemorating the fifth anniversary of the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The Public Memorial will take place on Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 pm at Congregation Machzikei Hadas, 2310 Virginia Drive. All are welcome.



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The water in the reservoir is used for irrigating the avocado and kiwi groves at Kibbutz Eilon, and will eventually be used to cultivate fish. The possibility of exploiting the reservoir for recreation and tourism is being examined as well.

#### An octet of B'nai Mitzvah

Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach to our eight B'nai Mitzvah celebrants, all of whose names have been inscribed in the Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah. The names Mark Gluzman, Rafael Kerzner, Sarah Kreisman, Rebecca Kruser, Miriam Rebecca Tepper, Jordana Vered and Ari Hymes-Vandermeulen were inscribed in the JNF Golden Book by their proud parents. Bar Mitzvah Max London was inscribed in the Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah by his great-aunt Susan Kiteles.

#### Golden Book Inscriptions

In honour of his Bar Mitzvah, Mark Gluzman has been inscribed in the Golden Book by his proud grandfather, Leon Gluzman, and late grandmother, Ann Gluzman. In honour of her Bar Mitzvah, Sarah Kreisman has been inscribed in the Golden Book by her proud grandparents Ethel and David Malek and Beatrice and Sam Kreisman. In honour of her Bat Mitzvah, Jordana Vered has been inscribed in the Golden Book by her proud grandparents Saba and Savta (Sara and Zeev) Vered.

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### Canadian Technion Society

## From milk and honey to tech and money

The Canadian Technion Society is hosting a high-tech speaker program entitled *Israel – From "Milk & Honey" to "Tech & Money"* with Avner Schneur, Technion graduate and founder of Emporis, an e-commerce company.

The program will take place on Monday, November 20 at 7:30 pm at Centrepointhe Theatre, 101 Centrepointhe Drive, Meeting Room 1B.

Schneur will speak on e-market solutions over the internet and how this affects the business world.

He will address the evolving e-commerce is-



Avner Schneur

sues such as selling, marketing and competitive forces, and how the internet will change the way

we do business.

Schneur founded Emporis in June 1999 and serves as the company's president and CEO.

Previously, Schneur was the senior vice-president of Operations for Vectis Corporation, a leading software vendor of electronic medical records; the vice-president and chief technology officer for Astea International, a leading developer of customer interaction software; and director of software and information Systems at Elscint, Inc., a manufacturer of high-end medical imaging systems.

The Canadian Technion

Society has been Technion's Canadian partner for over 50 years, supporting the work of this critical institution of research and higher learning. Those involved in the society believe that Israel's future and her increasing economic independence and security are tied to the development of science and technology and specifically that the expertise and training required is best offered at the Technion, Israel's oldest university.

To RSVP and for more information, call Fran at the Canadian Technion Society (1-800-935-8864).

## Yom Kippur lecture at Young Israel Synagogue

### By Neshi Rodin

The renovations which Young Israel of Ottawa has been putting into place enhanced the mood of the group of 30 who came out to hear Rabbi Mordecai Berger's lecture about Yom Kippur.

Berger referred to the awesome power of Teshuva, the key to the High Holiday Services. Often translated as "Repentance", Teshuva is better translated as "Returning," in which a spiritual stocktaking enables a person to return to the root of

the soul. The rabbi explained that if done in full sincerity, this process can effect a cancellation of the spiritual consequences of one's misdeeds. Further, Berger noted that if Teshuva is done correctly, the sages explain this process will assist the souls of those who are no longer in this world in their ascension to higher spiritual levels.

In his discussion, Berger touched on three main components of the process of Teshuva: a verbal acknowledgment of one's errors; the

arousing of the emotion of sincere regret for one's misdeeds; and the making of practical resolutions for changing previous negative behaviours. He then dis-

cussed the Kol Nidre prayer which initiates the 24-hour Yom Kippur fast, and gave a fascinating insight into the relationship between Teshuva and this prayer.



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#### MAC FACTS

**The Composition of MAC**  
MAC has been designed to represent the constituent elements of the entire community. The committee has 14 members and a chairperson, all appointed by the president of the Vaad:

- Chair, Community Campus Development Commission
- Chair, Planning and Priorities Committee
- Chair, Financial Management Committee
- Past Chair, UJA (or a designate)
- Past Chair, Women's Division UJA (or a designate)
- A representative of State of Israel Bonds
- A representative of Jewish National Fund
- A representative of Israel-based organizations
- A representative of the synagogues
- Two representatives of UJA beneficiary agencies
- Two representatives of local organizations, at least one of whom shall represent a women's organization
- Ex-officio: President of the Vaad (or a designate)
- Ex-officio: Executive Director of the Vaad.

#### How MAC Functions

The community year begins on July 1. Each organization must submit its Annual Fund-raising Plan (the Plan) at least 60 days before July 1 listing all fund-raising activities it intends to conduct during the year. From receipt of the Plan, MAC may communicate with each organization regarding any aspect of its plan in order to approve it in whole or in part. MAC must also review any individual campaign/event application as it occurs during the year whether or not it was listed in the organization's Plan. Note that applications for approval for campaigns/events not listed in the Plan are assessed as having a lower priority than those which were listed for the MAC.

#### MAC Meetings

MAC meets on a regular basis to review all submitted Plans and all new campaign/event applications, to decide on their approval status, to address all questions regarding or arising from earlier approved applications and possible future applications, and to ensure compliance with the guidelines, timelines and reporting requirements for all approved campaigns.

#### Delay for Approval

MAC procedures are designed to ensure the prompt processing of all applications. Early application is recommended since no publicity is permitted until the campaign/event is MAC approved. Each application is reviewed upon receipt and any missing information is requested. Fully completed applications which clearly conform to the Policy and which do not present any scheduling conflicts are approved within 30 days. If immediate approval is not possible, MAC, or the Chair, will communicate with the applicant to resolve the conflict so that the application can be approved. If MAC is unable to grant approval, the applicant has a right of appeal to the Executive Committee of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir, whose decision will be final.

#### MAC Approved (as of October 17, 2000)

- Soloway JCC, Community Sports Dinner, November 29, 2000
- Beth Shalom West, Jewish Music Concert Souvenir Booklet, December 4, 2000
- Yitzhak Rabin HS, Chanukah Ball Ad Book, December 16, 2000
- Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University, Theatre Evening at the NAC, April 22, 2001
- Hiller Academy, Tribute Dinner, May 15, 2001

The Policy sets out guidelines, criteria and limits relating to the magnitude and scheduling of campaigns. For a copy of the Policy or the meeting schedule, call the Vaad MAC staff person, Rebecca Holzman (798-4696 ext. 234).

NEXT MONTH: THE APPLICATION PROCESS



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## Two Orthodox Jews serving as Alliance Party agents

By Lynne Cohen

Two Orthodox members of the Ottawa Jewish community are working as official agents for local candidates running for the federal Conservative Alliance Party.

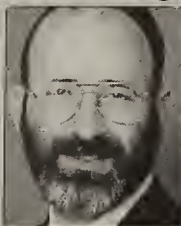
"I have not signed the papers yet, but I am planning to do that very soon," said Steven Agulnik, an accountant with Finkelman & Agulnik, during the last week of October. "I have never been involved in politics at this level before, but I am looking forward to the challenge."

Agulnik is the official agent for David Brown, running in the riding of Ottawa Centre.

Joseph Ben-Ami, a University of Ottawa student and part time teacher, is the official agent for Michael Green, the Alliance candidate in the riding of Nepean Carleton.

"I have a strong background in Conservative Party politics," said Ben-Ami. "This is Steve's first campaign, so I will try to help him as much as I can."

The official agent is responsible for all spending



Steven Agulnik

and revenues for each individual campaign. As a member of the campaign, the agent is actually filling a political position, but it is also a government role.

"In this job, you are the government's official representative because you have to make sure all the spending rules are adhered to," said Ben-Ami.

"I have been warned that nothing gets spent without my permission," said Agulnik, "even if it is less than \$200. I am also to make sure we do not receive any money from inappropriate sources."

Both official agents say their candidates are "great



Joseph Ben-Ami

guys" who will be good for the Jewish community. "I joined the Alliance party because of its stand on funding of religious day schools," explained Agulnik.

"The day after I learned party leader Stockwell Day favoured providing tax relief

for private religious schools, I signed up. David Brown is very sympathetic to the issue."

Agulnik added that some members of the Jewish community may be afraid of the policies of the party, seeing them as very far to the right. "Yes, some people are scared of the policies, but they probably shouldn't be," he said. "I am taking the party's platform at face value."

To the Ottawa Jewish community generally, Agulnik said more people should get involved in the campaign. "Try it. You might like it. If you don't, you can always vote them out in four years."



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## FEATURE

# Tracing routes – searching for an identity

By Michael Karlin

I am standing aside the Citadella on Gellert Hill, overlooking the Danube River and the imperial city of Budapest. I see riverboats travelling lazily on the warm water, the skippers lying asleep in the sun, and all along the avenues people are bustling about like specs of dust, meandering merrily on this perfect day. It is the twentieth of August, and Hungary is celebrating her millennium. Happy St. Stephen's Day, my father says, and I cannot hold back a smile.

I'm surrounded by the joyous splendour of people dancing, singing, drinking the crimson tonic of Eger red wine, recalling accomplishments they as Hungarians have achieved that some forgotten history teacher once taught them. Be proud. It is who you are. I stop and listen to the music of the roaring crowd. I watch as millions (they came from all the land) celebrate their identity, and

the reason I am joining them is to gain some vague idea of what mine is.

A few months earlier, that exact problem struck me; I simply could not comprehend the complex mosaic of my identity. Who was I? Was I Jewish first, then a Canadian, or am I a descendant of Czechs and Slovaks, Ukrainians and Romanians, with my religion and current address tossed into the chaos? I wanted to find out.

My father received an email from me proposing to go to the place where our identity is foremost rooted, Central Europe, to explore to the very depths what it means to be a Karlin. This exploration would take us to the Republics of Hungary, Slovakia and Czechia (what we call the Czech Republic) to visit cousins I rarely see and some whom I have never met. I cannot tell you all of my experiences, nor can I tell you that this self-exploration works for everybody, but hopefully through these

snapshots of Central Europe you can see the spirit of the search when my soul returns to Europe.

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I am staring face to face at the plaque in Budapest which kindly informs me that Theodor Herzl was born right here, and that the Holocaust Museum now covers the area in which he lived. It is in an enormous synagogue; I don't think one can compare it to any in Canada, and it juxtaposes nicely with the surroundings as do the Hassidim juxtapose their Magyar cousins.

In a Byzantine/Middle Eastern form, the synagogue is an announcement. We pay the meagre fee to enter and walk into this statue of European Judaism that looks strangely reminiscent of a cathedral, indeed, almost a copy of one. I want to go in to the Holocaust Museum, but the lady checking the knapsacks looks suspicious and I hear so much of petty theft in Hungary. No. I am




MICHAEL KARLIN and his dad, Gabe, in Prague.

just afraid of what I might see. I have never been to Auschwitz, or Dachau, and the only pieces of Holocaust memory I have seen are within the Washington museum and within my grandparents' eyes.

It happened here. You can see the borders of the ghetto just behind the synagogue, the streets so narrow, juxtapo-

posing the grand Hapsburg boulevards that pronounce the city's utter grandeur. I can't imagine more than a car travelling on their full width. My Hungarian cousin will not enter the gates. He is Jewish, stopped being Jewish after the war, then resumed just before communism fell. I don't blame him; he doesn't need to be reminded. I do.

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The home of my Slovak cousins is beautiful, and at four stories, can be considered a manor. They greet us with tears, with open arms, with love in their heart, and they settle us down and bring us food in their gazebo. I have met them, but never their daughter. I see her for  
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North American Jews to read the Hebrew language. Designed for Jews with little or no background in Hebrew, the program concentrates on teaching the alphabet and basic reading skills.

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To emphasize the relationship between Jewish literacy and Jewish pride, NJOP will distribute mezuzzahs, designed by world-renowned artist, Yaacov Agam, to students who complete this year's course.

In Ottawa, the classes are being offered at: Jewish Education Through Torah (JET), Congregation Machzikei Hadas and Congregation Beth Shalom.



AS THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES the recent opening of the Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge housed in the Joseph and Inez Zelikovitz Long Term Care Centre, this picture, taken in 1965, shows Eileen Goldberg, her late husband Ben (right) and Rabbi Simon L. Eckstein placing the first mezuzah on the old "Hillel Lodge". The Goldbergs had donated the mezuzzahs for the entire building.

### Hurricane Alert!

(Continued from page 1) kethball team coach, and Hall of Famer, Jack Donohue, will once again serve as master of ceremonies.

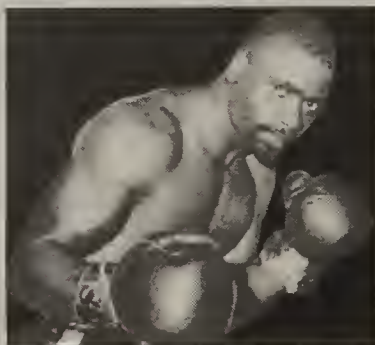
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| throughout<br>the day     | Mitzvah Projects               |
| 11:30 - 12:30             | Music by Klezmer Band          |

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## FEATURE

# Tracing routes – searching for an identity

(Continued from page 11)

the first time. I hug her. I have the feeling that we will become close, because she is the sweetest woman on earth, and I am glad that she shares my last name. But her sheer existence complicates my search for identity a thousandfold.

My cousin Andrea is Roman Catholic, as is her mother, though her father is Lutheran. His father was Jewish, my grandfather's uncle, and my vision flashes back to my grandfather looking at his uncle's grave with a cross overtop it. I never learned the whole truth, only that my cousin's mother was Lutheran. Not like it matters to me; they are more hospitable than anyone I have ever met. But I am confused.

Gabi, my cousin whom I now revere, shows us more than tourist areas, he shows us his life. He introduces us to his friends, this director-general and that chairman and this party member and that mayor. Slovakia separated from the Czech Republic in 1993, and they are searching for an identity as much as I am. They give themselves titles to help define their souls, because they are in the same state of flux as I am.

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This little village is the place where my grandfather was born. His father had 32 families working the land that he owned. He died in Auschwitz in 1944.

There is a man, a jolly Hungarian Santa Claus who lives across the street from the house. He remembers playing soccer with my great-uncle Ladislav (Ladzi for short) when they were children, in the fields behind them. There are houses there now. The communists would never allow so much land to be under one owner. It was wrong. Yet every word that man mentioned about my great-grandfather pulled a smile from the past. He loved us because my great-grandfather was so good to his family. How do I feel? Lost. This is someplace so foreign yet feels remotely like home, but a home you could never return to for much time.

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My father, my friend Roman and I are packed into a tiny Skoda hatchback driving from Moravia west to Bohemia, two out of three Czech Lands. My neck is sore turning from the beautiful

landscape to the travel book to the road map. The greenery is very different from the ancient Canadian shield; it is a darker, more haunting green. I find the scene very surreal. We are listening to a Czech remake of Simon and Garfunkel's "Mrs. Robinson," my friend asleep in the back seat, my father and I discussing where we will stay the night. The old road sign says Telc is ahead just a few kilometres, and I remember it as a UNESCO-protected site. There were many after the fall of communism, and I would see a total of eight during my stay. It was a beautiful village, but nothing extraordinary. I quickly became acclimatized to the beautiful towns. One simply does not have enough lifetimes to see them all.

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Terezin was built a very long time ago as a fortress to protect the area against one of a million enemies lost to history. The concentration camp still stands. I am walking with my father and Roman down a tunnel dug within the ramparts of the fortress. It is dark. There is

moisture everywhere, and a slight zephyr that sounds like screams not from one about to die, but from one wondering why it was happening to them, and their children. To this day I cannot answer that wind.

According to the written guide, the prisoners marched this long way and were shot once engulfed by the light of the other side. I reached that light, but didn't tremble. They didn't get me. I survived by not being born yet. All I have to see are overgrown gallows, a mass grave and the cemetery.

I notice that there are more Christians than Jews buried in the cemetery, and there were no ovens used as crematoria at Terezin. More Czechs died in Terezin than Jews, I learn, and I suddenly re-realize that we were not the only victims and that there are others whom we can mourn with. There were people who knew what was happening, and they refused

to let it continue. They died alongside us.

I never learned in school what happened to Terezin after the liberation of the camp. It became a camp again. Thousands of Germans were tortured and killed after the war was over, when forced deportations of German families by the Czechs occurred in 1945 and 1946 until the communists gained power. I saw their faces. They were Nazis, executed, but also a farmer and his daughter. God help us all. It never ends.

I came with no hypotheses about who I am and left with few conclusions. I sat

alone outside on my cousin's porch, and told God that I had lost my fire, my purpose of being here. Those Hungarians knew who they were and their identity defined their whole life. To find my whole identity would be simplifying myself. It is the conundrum that makes me whole.

Trying to learn your past is a difficult venture, and sometimes the hunt can be more fulfilling than the goal. I have not talked about Prague, or Plzen, or any of the many other places I have visited. These are only snapshots. I smile now, and dedicate my life to the spirit of the search.



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## Calling all dramatic teens!

Are there any teens out there interested in learning how to make people laugh, cry, sneer and cheer? If you happen to be one of them take note of this new SJCC program! The second week of January 2001, will mark the debut of *Stage Right*, the new SJCC teen drama program designed to teach theatrical skills to aspiring performers or people who want to learn to be more outgoing and comfortable in front of large groups.

*Stage Right* will offer a series of workshops that will include classes in improvisation, movement, scene work, stage fighting, effective auditioning, and more. The workshops will be taught in part by Michael

Torontow, Theatre Arts Manager of the SJCC. Michael is an award-winning performer who has performed in productions at Centrepointhe Theatre, and with the Orpheus Musical Theatre Society and JCC Theatreworks, as well as doing the odd stint at the Ottawa Little Theatre.

Michael has also tried his hand at directing and producing while working at Camp B'nai Brith (CBB) of Ottawa as Head of Drama. He staged four musicals and a number of Oneig Shabbat programs during his stay at CBB.

Jennifer Scrivens, a University of Ottawa graduate and professional actress with a strong improv back-

ground will teach other *Stage Right* workshops. Jennifer's long list of impressive credits include performing with Ottawa's The Comedy Cub, National Arts Centre, and Toronto's Second City. At the Canadian Improv Games, Jennifer wore many hats including performer, volunteer coordinator, judge and adjudicator.

*Stage Right* will run for twelve sessions and anyone with a burning passion for drama won't want to miss it. With only twenty spots available, **REGISTER NOW!** The cost is \$60 for members and \$75 for non-members. For further information or to register call Michael Torontow at 798-9818 ext. 231.

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On Tuesday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m. Neurologist Dr. Lucian Sitwell will discuss Alzheimer's disease and other forms of pathological memory loss in a program called: *A Plague of Forgetfulness*. Dr. Sitwell is a neurologist at the Ottawa Hospital, where he is Director of the Headache Clinic. He also works at the Montfort and the Queensway-Carleton Hospitals. He was born in Regina, Sask and graduated from the Univ. of Ottawa Medical School.

Admission is \$5M/\$7NM. For more information, please call Maxine Miska 798-9818, ext. 263.

## Water fitness at half the price

Are you looking for a great way to get fit? The SJCC's new aqua fitness program, *Try Water Fitness* begins November 20 and runs until December 1, 2000. Water fitness offers low to no impact and up to 90% weightlessness, providing less stress on joints. Members of the SJCC are invited to bring a friend to *Try Water Fitness*. When a member brings a friend each participant pays half price on the \$6 admission to each class. Starting November 5 you can register for the Fall Aqua Fitness program for half price.

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2:00-3:00 Water Walk/jog  
7:30-8:15 Pre-Natal

#### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24 & DECEMBER 1

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To register or for more information: Jeff Schultz at 798-9818, ext. 279

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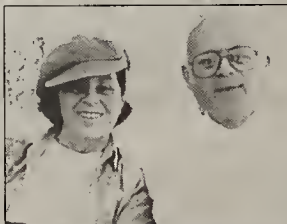
# ARTS ALIVE

**THIS WEEK • November 11 and 12**  
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Here's what to expect ...

• **ADAIA AND ABRAHAM SHUMSKY** - Sat. Nov. 11 - 8:00 pm

The book "A Bridge Across the Jordan" is the true story of a most improbable, inspirational friendship between Abdullah, the King of Jordan and Adaia's father, Mendel Cohen, a humble carpenter from Jerusalem. Come and hear the Shumsky's relate this amazing story about this unique eleven-year relationship that overcame bitter divisions, fierce enmities and religious differences. Presented by the Soloway JCC and the Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program of Ottawa-Carleton.



• **SCOTT BLAKEMAN** - Sun. Nov. 12 - 3:00 pm

He's doubled them over on *The Late Show with David Letterman* and A&E's *Evening at the Improv*, co-hosted the NBC series *Funny People* and taken south Florida by storm with his 21-show tour. Look out Ottawa, stand-up comic, Scott Blakeman, promises to bring down the house with his comedic shuck at Arts Alive.



• **GABRIELLA GOLIGER**

- Sun. Nov. 12 - 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Local author, Gabriella Goliger, shares her newest work of fiction *Song of Ascent*, which explores the relationships, experiences and struggles of the lives of Ernst and Hannah Birnbaum, displaced German Jews living in Montreal who cannot escape the shadow of the Holocaust. She has twice been nominated for the Journey Prize, and in 1997 was a co-winner of the award.



• **IRENE WATTS**

- Sun. Nov. 12 - 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Author, Irene Watts will engage both children and adults with stories based on her experiences and that of other refugee children who emigrated from Berlin to Britain on a "Kindertransport" just prior to the Second World War. Author of the two-time award-winner, *Good-bye Marianne* and *Remember Me*.



• **PURPLE DRAGON PUPPET TROUPE**

- Sun. Nov. 12 - 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Troupe members combine their diverse talents as musicians, magicians, woodworkers, teachers, artists, and philosophers to create outstanding original puppet performances. The Purple Dragon Puppet Troupe weaves stories through magic sets and live musical soundscapes engaging both actors and the audience.



• **CHAVA ROSENFARB** - Sun. Nov. 12 - 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Chava Rosenfarb is a survivor of the Lodz Ghetto as well as the Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps. She is also the recipient of numerous literary prizes including the Manger Prize, the highest award for Yiddish literature for her book, *The Tree of Life*. She will speak about her two novels depicting shtetl life, *Bociany* and its sequel *Of Lodz and Love*.



• **SHIRA OTTAWA CD LAUNCH & PERFORMANCE**

- Sun. Nov. 12 - 5:00 pm

Barely one year old and already making its mark, the SJCC choir, SHIRA OTTAWA, led by Cantor Daniel Bentolo, launches its first CD entitled "Az Yashir" and performs selections from it as part of the Arts Alive festivities.



But that's not all ... The Arts Alive Cultural Fair will also feature "Shelloons" cartoon fun for kids, hip hop dance fun, crafts galore, Bagels and Books storytelling, vendors selling fine arts and crafts, assorted giftware, Judaica, original lithographs by Boris Yefman, and of course, a varied selection of hundreds of books supplied by SFARIM of Montreal.

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## Ex Argo cheerleader does the cha-cha in Grease

By Kathryn Kates

Maureen Katz says her daughter Jodie could sing before she could talk.

At her first birthday party, the budding chanteuse took delight in entertaining all her guests. Now 25, the Ottawa-born actress, singer and dancer's passion for performing was still very evident in her portrayal of Cha-Cha in the recent Toronto production of the hit Broadway musical and Hollywood movie, *Grease*. *Like You've Never Seen It!*

As Cha-Cha, a sly, saucy and sassy girl who loves to dance, Katz joined leads Ma-Anne Dionisio as Sandy, and Rick Miller as Danny, in this updated revival of the classic '50s-inspired musical which ran until October 22.

Katz is a natural talent, born into a musical family. Her father, Jeff, was in a band a few decades ago and her mother played the clarinet.

"When it comes to musicality, I can't read a note of music; it is like Greek to

me," Katz says. "I have had almost no vocal training, but I have a very good ear. I don't know how to play any instruments, but I hear everything with almost perfect tone.

"My training in dancing is quite sparse. I went to the Greta Leeming School of Dance and studied jazz just until I was 13, but I've always been this firecracker dancer. I'm very fortunate to have this talent in me.

"In terms of my training, I've been almost all self-taught, which can be a hindrance at certain auditions that are very technical," she admits. "I muddle through and I've gone pretty far, considering."

Her first foray into theatre was in *Fiddler on the Roof* for JCC Theatreworks.

Katz attended McGill University graduating with a degree in North American studies. At McGill, she kept active writing for the school paper, cheerleading and appearing in musicals.

Her first big role at the university was Val in *A Chorus Line*. When Canada's Wonderland held auditions across the country, 300 hopefuls attended the audition in Montreal alone.

Katz won one of the nine positions offered, prompting a move to Toronto.

She followed her summer job at Canada's Wonderland with the UC Follies production of *Guys and Dolls* at Hart House.

In March 1998, she landed a job performing as lead singer on a cruise line travelling around the Caribbean and the Mediterranean.

Since coming to Toronto, Katz has taken a few classes at the Randolph Dance School and some private vocal coaching with David Dunbar.

"Singing, dancing and acting isn't just a hobby, it is my other persona. It is not something I chose to do – it has chosen me. In that sense, I feel blessed not only to perform for an audience, but

actually make it my living. I have to make it work or my mom will make me go back to school, which I really don't mind – I love school."

To support her budding career, Katz works at a number of jobs including as a journalist for a Web site company geared to students, as a go-go dancer at the Phoenix and the Joker (two nightclubs in Toronto), and as an occasional wedding singer.

Last year, Katz worked on the football field as a lead Argo cheerleader.

Katz also likes to entertain around the dinner table and envisions herself with her own television cooking show.

Like many other actors, she too wants to tackle Broadway one day.

"I'm very emotional and sensitive, like most actors tend to be. When I go to see a big musical, I actually cry because I want to be on that stage so badly that it hurts. This year, a really telling moment for me was when I

was watching the Tony Awards and I started to bawl, because I had just gotten the part of Cha-Cha in *Grease*, which was a big deal to me.

"At that moment, I knew in four months I wouldn't have to be watching from the audience. I would be on-stage. It was an overwhelming feeling," she says.

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Jodie Katz

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scrolls, Chanukah lamps, unique life-cycle objects such as the distinctive Berlin double-seated circumcision chair and items for the Sabbath, Rosh Hashanah, Passover and Sukkot.

Over the past 35 years, the museum's holdings have grown through donations and purchases, bringing the collection to over 1,600 artifacts representing Jewish art and history from ancient times to the present.

William L. Gross, noted collector and Judaic consultant in Israel, describes the museum as being among the top five collections in North America. He considers its collection of ketubbot as one of the five most important in the world.

In celebration of its 36th anniversary, the museum has announced the release of *Art and Tradition: Treasures of Jewish Life*, a 128-page, full colour hard cover book highlighting the world-renowned Cecil Roth Collection. Featured in the book are many of

the finest and most interesting artifacts from the museum's collections and essays by recognized scholars in the field of Judaica.

To order a copy of the book, priced at \$45.00, call the Beth Tzedec Foundation of Toronto (416-781-3514,

ext. 66).

The museum, located at 1700 Bathurst Street, is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 1:00 pm and from 2:00 to 5:00 pm, for one hour after Shabbat services and on Sunday from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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## Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation winds up its 25th anniversary celebration

By Estelle Melzer

The Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation concluded its 25th anniversary celebration with a thank you event on October 11 for fund holders and their friends. The Foundation's theme for its anniversary year was "come celebrate with us." For the over 200 guests gathered at the Chateau Laurier – and, indeed, for the entire Ottawa Jewish Community – there was much to celebrate.

"Amazing" was the word President Norm Lesh used to describe the Foundation's silver anniversary year. He went on to explain, "When I took office at the beginning of our 25th anniversary celebration I had what many thought was an impossible dream – to grow the Foundation's assets in capital and deferred gifts to 25 million dollars during my term." (At that time the Foundation had just over 18 million dollars in capital and deferred gifts.)

His voice ringing with pride, Lesh then announced, "To date, we have met and surpassed that goal! Can you imagine what that means to our community in the years to come?"

The Foundation's annual allocations to its over 150 beneficiary agencies are projected to be \$850,000 this year and over one million dollars next year. While Foundation funds support charities in Israel, the United States, and across Canada, most of the allocations are dispersed to schools, synagogues and vital institutions in the Ottawa Jewish Community, providing them with a permanent, stable financial base, now and in the future.

Twenty-five years after its establishment, the Foundation is an integral part of the Ottawa Jewish Community, essential to maintaining its fiscal structure and safeguarding its future. The Ottawa Jewish Community would be a very different place for all its members if the Foundation did not exist.

And it almost didn't. From the perspective of today, it seems that the idea of a community foundation to fund future needs was self-evident and inevitable.

Highlight speaker Hy Soloway, one of the original founders, reminded the audience that the idea of a Foundation was controversial

and far from inevitable when it was proposed more than 25 years ago.

In his address, he recounted the trials and tribulations that led up to the establishment of the Foundation and offered a moving testament to the "men of vision" who overcame all obstacles to create it over 25 years ago.

Looking at the large gathering that evening, he recalled a much smaller gathering he attended at the Chapel Street Jewish Community Centre to debate and finalize the decision that led to the original application for a charter establishing the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation.

The 12 people at that meeting included, in addition to Soloway, Alex Betcherman, Hy Bessin, Abe Palmer, David Loeb, Harold Shenkman, Sam Taller, Norman Zagerman, Hy Harris, Bernie Shinder, and Gilbert Greenberg – the original signers of the Foundation's charter – plus Hy Hochberg, the executive director of the Vaad at that time.

"For all of us, it was a leap of faith," Soloway stated. He noted that Ottawa had been a "pioneer", establishing its Foundation before Montreal or Toronto, and establishing it despite the roadblocks put up by a provincial government suspicious of the idea of a Jewish Foundation and the doubts of many in the community who thought that there were more pressing needs and "this was not the right time".

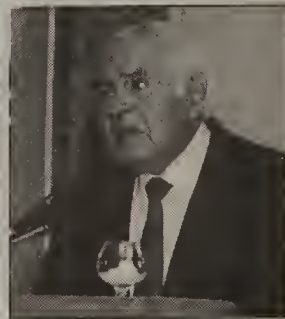
The Foundation was established because of the "tenacity and vision" of two men, Soloway stated, Gilbert Greenberg, who became its first president and Hy Hochberg. Their passionate conviction persuaded others to buy into their dream and motivated the community. Soloway also lauded Bernie Shinder, who dealt with the government's obstacles and handled all the legal work of setting up the Foundation, and Casey Swedlove, who became the Foundation's volunteer executive director.

Finally, he thanked all the fund holders who responded to the dream of their "men of vision" and built the Foundation to its current position as the financial foundation of our community.

Soloway noted that, today, fund holders



PRESIDENT NORM LESH thanks the Foundation's friends.



HY SOLOWAY PAYS TRIBUTE to the "men of vision" who established the Foundation.

represent a diverse cross-section of our community and funds are held by people from all income levels.

"Through your involvement in the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation you are keeping the most sacred trust of our people," he told the gathering. "You are nurturing our heritage and keeping the promise from generation to generation. Through the Foundation, you are participating in the Talmudic injunction: 'As my father planted for me before I was born, so do I plant for those who will come after me.'"

He urged the Foundation's friends to rededicate themselves to helping it continue to grow in years to come. "If we do this," Soloway concluded, "this evening will be much more than a silver anniversary celebration. It will be a milestone marking a golden future for our community."

In his remarks, Foundation President Norm Lesh also looked to the future while celebrating the past.

He commented on the Foundation's increasing popularity throughout the community, noting that, not only has there been a



NORM LESH (right) salutes an "amazing" 25th anniversary with Norman Zagerman, the wind-up event's co-chair (together with Lynda Greenberg).

tremendous growth in assets during the Foundation's anniversary celebration, there has been a record-breaking growth in the number of funds, from 425 in 1998 to 483 today. "More and more, members of our community are turning to the Foundation to fulfil their philanthropic dreams," he stated.

In exhorting fund holders to carry the Foundation message to the community he cited a number of exciting innovations introduced this year by Foundation friends.

The Gilbert Greenberg Education Fund supports affordable Jewish education for our community's children (one of the dreams of the late Gilbert Greenberg) and will be funded primarily through the vehicle of life insurance policies. For young families this is a very affordable way to establish a Foundation fund and leave a major gift for Jewish education.

The B'nai Mitzvah Club, set up by Saul and Edna Goldfarb, helps pre bar/bat mitzvah youth establish Foundation funds by matching their initial contributions.

Lesh concluded, "With the support of its present and future friends, I am confident that the Foundation can build a legacy to sustain our community in the year 2025 and beyond."



A GATHERING OF FRIENDS: The Foundation's "godfather" Hy Soloway (centre) is flanked by (from left to right): former presidents Jacie Levinson, Norman Zagerman, Bernie Shinder and David Loeb; President Norm Lesh and Executive Director Gordon Roston.



# Friends of the Foundation celebrate an "amazing year"



CASEY SWEDLOVE, the Foundation's former executive director, Bess Swedlove (centre) and Laura Greenberg reminisce.



IRVING AND RUTH AARON sign the anniversary book.



NORMAN ZAGERMAN THANKS Laura Greenberg on behalf of the Foundation and State of Israel Bonds and wishes her well on her move to Toronto.



HY SOLOWAY (left) and Casey Swedlove share a moment with Foundation Vice-President Saul Goldfarb (right).



JOINING THE CELEBRATION are (from left to right) Edie Landau, Doris Bronstein, Liney Bronstein, Ruth Berger and Doris Edelstein.



FORMER FOUNDATION PRESIDENT ROSE TAYLOR joins Zeev Vered (centre) and Vaad President Stephen Greenberg.

Photos by Randy Stille

## How to become a friend of the Foundation:

- **Establish a fund in your name or the name of a loved one.**  
A fund can be established with an initial endowment of \$1000, tax deductible in cash, stock, property or other assets. Contributions can then be made at any time by you or your family and friends. All contributions are tax deductible and will be acknowledged with a gift card.
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- **Kids - Join the B'nai Mitzvah Club**  
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For more information about the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation please call Executive Director Gordon Roston (798-4696, ext. 272).

## COLUMNS

# Vegetable soup is a delicious meal in itself



## Soup to Nuts

Donna Karlin

This time of year I love to make a big batch of soup, usually doubling the recipe and freezing the rest for another day. I also prefer making soup a day ahead and refrigerating it overnight, then taking it out and rewarming it slowly. I find the flavours have a chance to meld and the soup has a much richer taste. Experiment with all different kinds of vegetables. Roasting them gives them a more intense flavour.

### Puréeed Butternut Squash Soup with Ginger

2 medium butternut squash, peeled, halved, seeded, cut into 2" cubes

1 1/2 tbsp canola oil

2 medium onions, chopped

4 tbsp minced fresh ginger

2 garlic cloves, sliced

3/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice

1 1/2 quarts chicken stock plus water to cover

Salt and pepper, to taste

Zest from 1/2 an orange

Preheat oven to 400° F. Arrange squash on a foil lined baking sheet and roast until beginning to brown, about 20 minutes. In a large pot heat oil and sauté onion, ginger and garlic until onions are translucent. Add roasted squash, orange juice, chicken stock and water to cover. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer until squash is tender, about 20 minutes. Using an immersion blender, purée soup until smooth. If you don't have one, purée in batches in processor. Season with salt and pepper and stir in orange zest. Serves 8.

### Roasted Vegetable Soup

Olive oil

1 cup zucchini, cut into slices

1 cup eggplant, cubed

1 cup potatoes, cubed



1 cup coarsely chopped onion

1 cup thickly sliced carrots

1 cup diced tomatoes

4 cups parve chicken stock

1 can cannellini beans

1 box small-sized pasta

6 slices French bread

2 cloves garlic, cut in half

Parmesan cheese for garnish

In a large roasting pan, mix the vegetables, drizzle with olive oil and roast until edges begin to brown slightly and you can smell the aroma of the vegetables as they caramelize. In a large saucepan, heat 2 tbsp olive oil. Add the roasted vegetables. Heat through and then add the parve chicken stock, and the cannellini beans. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and allow to simmer for 15 minutes. Add the pasta and let simmer. Meanwhile, drizzle bread slices with olive oil and rub each with garlic. Toast for 5 minutes. Serve soup garnished with croûton and grated Parmesan. Serves: 4 to 6.

### Fresh Vegetable Soup

4 tablespoons olive oil

1 cup carrot, diced

1 cup yellow onion, sliced

1 cup corn, fresh or frozen (not canned)

1 cup diced potato, skins on (Yukon Gold)

4 cloves garlic, minced

4 quarts chicken stock or vegetable stock

Salt to taste

2 tbsp tomato paste

1 cup peeled, seeded and diced tomato

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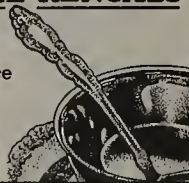


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## COLUMNS

## Canadian authors write about children coping with crises



## Kid Lit

Deanna Silverman

Crises come in many shapes and sizes. There are humorous ones, like being caught up in the Holocaust. And small ones, like an adult immigrant not being able to write out a bill for services rendered or the yeast dough overflowing its basin.

Until crises occur, we can only hope that we and our loved ones will be able to meet whatever sudden challenges they pose. But we never know for sure until we weave a thankful sigh of relief that it is over. That's the essence of the following two books I received from Second Story Press, a small Canadian feminist publishing house based in Toronto.

*The Secret of Gabi's Dresser*

By Kathy Kacer

Second Story Press 1999

128 pps. Ages 8-11

*The Secret of Gabi's Dresser* came to my attention via a brief article in *The Ottawa Citizen* stating it had won the Jewish Book Award, Children's Literature Category. Fortunately award winners are easy to track down and Second Story Press quickly responded to my request for a review copy.

After reading the book I can testify that my effort was amply rewarded. The story is a fictionalized account of incidents that did, indeed, happen to the author's mother, Gabi, and her parents during World War II as seen through Gabi's eyes.

Gabi was approximately 11 in 1940 when the story begins, 13 at its traumatic climax and 15 at war's end. Dramatic, poignant and emotionally moving, *The Secret of Gabi's Dresser* is presented as a story within a story, told by her to hide-and-seek loving grandchildren.

Thus readers are assured, in advance, that whatever hardships a much younger Gabi faced, including hiding in the dining room dresser for a long time, she emerged victorious and safe.

Written in short easy-to-read chapters, Gabi's story takes place in a small Czechoslovakian farming community. Gabi describes her happy life as an only child before the Nazi occupation and the topsy-turvy afterward of the occupation.

Gabi's story rings true because her emphasis is always on a child's concerns – herself, her Papa, Mama, best friend, special doll, other kids, school, and life on the farm.

In a straightforward, matter of fact way she describes the changes as they impact that immediate world. Papa dies of heart failure but the stress is definitely a factor. Non-Jewish friends shun her and worse.

Gabi and Mama cope as best they can, deciding to stay put as other Jewish families flee.

Finally their crisis erupts. Nazi soldiers have been seizing Jewish girls and Mama spots them en route to her house. In the nick of time Gabi gets into the prepared hiding place. But can she stay quiet now when she couldn't control claustrophobic terrors during an earlier rehearsal? Why won't the dresser be searched? What will happen to Mama?

*The Secret of Gabi's Dresser* is a gripping and inspiring read. In addition to the Canadian Jewish Book Award, it also won the Ontario Library Association Silver Birch Award.

*What-If Sara*

By Rhea Tregebov

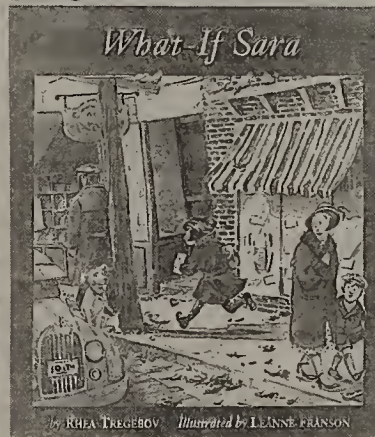
Illustrated by Leanne Franson

Second Story Press 1999

Unpaged Ages 5-8

Okay, folks, I admit it. In reviewing *What-If Sara* I'm breaking my own self-imposed rule not to review books that don't have obvious Jewish content even if their authors are Jewish.

I plead extenuating circumstances. First, *What-If Sara* is captivating. Second, it's set in Depression-era Winnipeg, an environment I'm familiar enough with (second-hand, of

From *What-If Sara*

course – I'm not that old!) that I can read implied Jewish content between the lines even if the illustrator didn't put a mezuzah or Shabbat candlesticks in a picture. Besides, Poppa always wears a hat and I'd swear he's wearing a kippah in one picture. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Seriously, *What-If Sara* is a slyly funny, world-wise and realistic depiction of the differences between an imaginative young girl and her hard-working, immigrant parents. When two household crises hit in rapid succession, Sara calmly incorporates them in her world of make-believe, helps Poppa, helps Mama and saves the day.

Author Rhea Tregebov's few words speak volumes and illustrator Leanne Franson's full-colour illustrations provide a warm anchor for both Sara's real and imaginary environs.

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## COLUMNS

# On the road to the Jewish State

I remember very clearly two days, when I was in Grade 6, that were full of excitement for my family. The first was November 29, 1947, the day the United Nations General Assembly voted in favour of partition of the British mandatory territory in Palestine, and paved the way for a Jewish State. The second was May 14, 1948, the day when the Jewish National Council in Tel Aviv declared the establishment of the independent State of Israel.

Israeli Independence is the product of a long history. For two thousand years a dispersed Jewish nation maintained its traditions and hoped and prayed for the restoration of Israeli nationhood and of Jerusalem. In the late 19th and early 20th century, this evolved into the modern Zionist movement.

The Zionist struggle had two aspects. First, to settle the land and create, through individual and collective sacrifice, a viable society and economy. Second, the equally difficult diplomatic task – to get recognition from the Great Powers for the establishment of a Jewish State. Herzl and his associates appealed to one country's government after another for support for their idea that the Jews, too, were entitled to a home of their own in their ancient land. But they were continually rebuffed with polite diplomatic generalities.

The breakthrough came on November 2, 1917, when the British Foreign Secretary, Arthur James Balfour, on behalf of his government, sent a letter to Lord Rothschild, the head of the British Zionist Organization, indicating British recognition and support for the aspiration to create a Jewish National Home in Eretz Yisrael.

Implementation of this pledge was uneven almost from

the beginning. The British reneged completely on its promissory note in the 1930s and the 1940s, when the Jewish people most needed a homeland, a safe haven. But in 1917 the Balfour Declaration was sincerely put forward by its sponsors and was accepted with excitement by Jewish leaders and by the Jewish people.

Until the 1930s, Balfour Day, November 2, was celebrated as a modern Jewish holiday. Then, after the British began to restrict access to the Holy Land for Jewish refugees, it was turned into a major day of public protest and demonstrations.

The text of the Balfour Declaration is available through the website of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<http://www.israel.org/mfa/go.asp?MFAH00pp0>). Note that "0" is the numerical zero.

The story of the Balfour Declaration is told as part of the Zionist Exposition, a collection of materials prepared by the World Zionist Organization. Its webpage on the Balfour Declaration (<http://www.wzo.org.il/home/movement/balfour.htm>) gives background and discusses the negotiation and drafting of this and related documents. You can click on small pictures to see reproductions of full-scale original manuscripts. You can also go to the main exposition site (<http://www.wzo.org.il/home/index.htm>) for a sequence of exhibits on the history of Zionism and the settlement and establishment of Israel.

The essential players in the story of the Balfour Declaration are Balfour and Chaim Weizmann, the Manchester University chemist, Zionist leader and major lobbyist, and later, the first President of Israel. Excellent material on Balfour and Weizmann can be found through the up-to-date web edition of that old standard source, the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*.



## Global Shtetl The Jewish Internet

Saul Silverman

*clopaedia Britannica.*

Go to <http://search.britannica.com/search?adv>, the search engine of the Britannica website. Set the search engine specifically to Britannica.com, and then enter the full names of Arthur J. Balfour or Chaim Weizmann. You will get all the material on these individuals that is included in various Encyclopaedia Britannica articles (e.g., the full Weizmann biography, plus sections on Weizmann from more general articles, such as "Israel"). Also displayed, in columns on the same page, will be related material from websites, article databases, and Barnes and Noble's catalogue of books for sale (without buying, you can get more information, including detailed tables of contents of the books listed).

The history of Zionism provides an essential basis for understanding current issues. The sites listed above will inspire and inform you, drawing on this history to help you appreciate, and participate in, the ongoing Jewish struggle for national liberation and renewal.

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## ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

# The federal election presents issues of concern to the Jewish community

(Continued from page 1)  
answers they need to help them elect the candidates and parties that best reflect their views and priorities.

In addition to issues such as these, which affect everybody, Canada's Jewish community has some special issues that need to be raised when candidates knock on their doors, or when they attend all-candidates meetings or other forums. Those issues include the following.

### Support for the State of Israel

Through the seven years of the Oslo peace process, the Palestinian Authority has repeatedly turned to violence as a tool of diplomacy. There has been a direct correlation between the PA's failure to respond to Israeli concessions with compromises, to comply with its treaty obligations or meet Israeli gestures of good faith in kind, and seemingly "spontaneous" outbreaks of Palestinian violence.

Despite this, the Chretien government, which kept telling our community leaders that it had a genuine appreciation of the concerns of the Jewish community in relation to Israel, consistently supported resolutions at the United Nations that were decidedly biased in their condemnation of Israel. Now, just in case readers think the Liberals are being singled out (they,

after all, have been the ones in power), it should also be noted that some prominent politicians from competing parties have been even more blatant in their blind support for the Palestinian cause. This has occurred even when they have been presented with unquestionable evidence about who has really been at fault in particular situations.

It will be extremely important for Canada's Jews to make support for Israel a key issue in this campaign. Jewish voters must question candidates about where they stand in relation to concrete support of Israel, including how they intend to vote when future resolutions are introduced at the United Nations and elsewhere. And in the face of an increased number of anti-Jewish acts in Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, London, Hamilton, Winnipeg, and other places (including physical harassment of individual Jewish citizens), candidates must be asked what they would do to ensure that Canada's Jews and Canada's Jewish institutions are protected, and hate-mongers are prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

### Funding for Jewish schools

Although this battle is usually fought at the provincial level, one party leader, Stockwell Day, has made some important promises

about separate school funding. The question Jewish voters should be asking is, what specific mechanisms would Day use to carry out his promises, given that education is a provincial matter under the Constitution? And what would his timetable be?

Moreover, given that Day has apparently committed his party to this long-overdue need, are the other federal parties ready to make moves in this direction as well? Exactly what do they intend to do, and how?

### Social housing and related needs

Despite the glowing economic reports we read about in our daily newspapers, government data show that over 5.1 million Canadians (over 1.4 million of whom are children) live below the poverty line. The Canadian Association of Food Banks says 726,902 Canadians used a food bank in March of 2000, more than double the number who did so in March of 1989. As house prices have skyrocketed, and vacancy rates have dropped in many of Canada's cities (including Ottawa), increasing numbers of people have found themselves without adequate housing.

These are extremely serious problems that need to be addressed by whatever government is elected on November 27.

Over the past several years, it has become increasingly apparent that these problems greatly affect the Jewish community. Moreover, they may be worse for many in our community, because of their desire to affiliate with synagogues and other community institutions, buy Kosher food, and so on. All that costs money, and communal funding, while generous, must be directed at many, many priorities.

### Other key issues

There are two other key issues that Jewish Canadians should be raising with candidates in this election. The first relates to what they would do to ensure that the process that would revoke the citizenship of those suspected of Nazi war crimes is accelerated. The second relates to what they would do to ensure that a national museum dedicated to the Holocaust and human rights is established in Ottawa.

Aside from all of the above, of course, is the need to vote. Despite the importance of all of these issues, Canada's Jews, like other citizens, often have an extremely low turnout rate at the polls. We have the power to make our politicians and political parties listen to our needs, and adapt their policies to address our interests and concerns. Don't miss that opportunity.

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Mazel Tov to Phil and Norma Lazear on the birth of their grandson Adam Jacob by Dorothy and Maurie Karp.

### CLARE AND MAURICE SCHWARTZ ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Howard Goldberg by Clare Schwartz and David Kronick.

### STELLA AND LOUIS SLACK MEMORIAL FUND

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In memory of Howard Goldberg by Myra and Lester Aronson and family.

Mazel Tov to Lisa and Fred Cogan on the birth of their grandson Mason by Myra and Lester Aronson and family.

Mazel Tov to Roz and Myles Taller on the engagement of their daughter Julia by Myra and Lester Aronson and family.

### SUE AND SAM SLACK ENDOWMENT FUND

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Mazel Tov to Ann and Phil Morganstein on the engagement of their daughter Tamara to Shawn by David, Sharon, Ryan, Jaye and Brody Appolite.

### HARRIET AND IRVING SLDNE ENDOWMENT FUND

Best wishes to Harriet and Irving Sldne on their wedding anniversary by Percy and Corinne Levine.

### RUTH AND HY SLOWAY ENDOWMENT FUND

Wishing Hy Sloway a ruah sh'leimah by Zelaine and Sol Shinder.

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In memory of Bertha Ralph by Gordon and Laura Spergel.

In memory of Howard Goldberg by Gordon and Laura Spergel.

### BOBBY STEINBERG MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Theresa Monty by Jane Steinberg.

### WILLIAM "BILL" STERNBERG MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Dorothy Goldman by Ted and Laya Jacobson.

Mazel Tov to Gabriella Goligher on the publication of her book by Ted and Laya Jacobson.

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### JAY B. TALLER MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear brother-in-law Julius Lobel by Sally and Morton Teller.

Mazel Tov to Phil and Norma Lazear on the birth of their granddaughter by Sally and Morton Teller.

In memory of Howard Goldberg by Sally and Morton Teller.

### RUTH TALLER MEMORIAL FUND

Wishing Noga Reiss a speedy recovery by Zachary Cantor.

Wishing Marcia Cantor continued good health by Allan and Isabel Cantor and family.

Wishing Eva Weissberger a speedy recovery by Allan and Isabel Cantor and family.

### SAUL AND FANNY TANNER MEMORIAL FUND

In appreciation and wishing Stephen and Linda Weiner a happy New Year by Reuben Kalin.

### TARANTOUR FAMILY FUND

Best wishes to Teena Tarantour Goldberg on her birthday by Selma Tarantour.

Best wishes to Arthur Lazear on his birthday by Selma Tarantour.

Congratulations to Susan and Sheldon Rosenfeld on the birth of their daughter Emily Taylor by Ann and Art Lazear and family.

### CHARLES AND RAE TAVEL MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Ethyle Kapeller by Sunny and John Tavel.

In memory of Ida Levitz by Sunny and John Tavel.

In memory of Howard Goldberg by Sunny and John Tavel.

### CHARLES AND ROSE TAYLOR ENDOWMENT FUND

With appreciation and best wishes to Rose and Chick Taylor for a happy and healthy New Year by Marty, Elan and Sharon Cardash.

Mazel Tov to Rose and Chick Taylor on the engagement of their son Steven to Audrey Arfi by Ethel and Irving Taylor; by Morris and Shelley Schachnow; by Dorothy and Ben Greenberg; and by Dorothy and Herb Noddy.

Mazel Tov to Steven Taylor and Audrey Arfi on their engagement by Cally and Sid Kardash.

### ETHEL AND IRVING TAYLOR ENDOWMENT FUND

Best wishes to Norma and Irving Balm for a happy and healthy New Year by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

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Mazel Tov to Marvin and Sandy Graustein on the birth of their grandson by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

### STEPHEN AND GAIL VICTOR ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Howard Goldberg by Stephen and Gail Victor, Andrea, Jodie and Jordana.

### HAZE WAINBERG FAMILY FUND

Wishing Eva Weissberger a ruah sh'leimah by Kayla and Alvin Mallay.

Wishing Polly Moran a speedy recovery by Haze Wainberg.

### HARRY AND RAE WEIDMAN MEMORIAL FUND

Best wishes to Terry and Ann Teller on their wedding anniversary by Myles and Roz Teller.

### MIRIAM AND LOUIS WEINER ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Howard Goldberg by Miriam and Louis Weiner.

### LYNN DRECK-WEINER AND BOB WEINER FAMILY FUND

In memory of Susie Hoff's brother by Lynn Dreck-Weiner and Bob Weiner and family.

In memory of Sara Hoff's husband by Lynn Dreck-Weiner and Bob Weiner and family.

### IRVING AND DIANE WEXLER ENDOWMENT FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of our dear parents and grandparents Freda and Joseph (Yosef) Cohen by Diane Wexler and family.

In memory of Howard Goldberg by Carol Wexler Segal and Sonny Segal.

### NATHAN, DAVID AND MAX ZELKOVITZ FAMILIES FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a beloved mother and grandmother Sara Zerkovitz by Marlene, Howard and Neil Burack; and by Judy Schneidman and family.

In memory of Howard Goldberg by Marlene Burack.

### BELLA ZELKOW HILLEN LODGE PHYSICAL THERAPY ENDOWMENT FUND

Congratulations to Bernie Dolansky on a well deserved award by the Canadian Dental Association by Myra and Norman Barwin.

In memory of Howard Goldberg by Myra and Norman Barwin.

In appreciation to Myra and Norman Barwin by Norman and Elaine Wolfish.

### SANDRA AND SAM ZUNDER ENDOWMENT FUND

Mazel Tov to Tzippi and Jerold Landau on the birth of their daughter by Sandra and Sam Zunder.

Mazel Tov to Edie Landau on the birth of her grandson by Sandra and Sam Zunder.

In memory of Hy Dubinsky by Sandra and Sam Zunder.

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## BOOK REVIEW

# Terrorist expert pens chilling account of holy war

**Bin Laden: The Man Who Declared War on America**  
Yossef Bodansky,  
Prima Publishing  
(387 Atherton Rd., Rocklin, California 95765)  
439 Pages, \$39.95.

Reviewed by Arnold Ages

*Scream III*, allegedly one of Hollywood's scariest horror flicks, is not scary. This book, by terrorist expert Yossef Bodansky, – that's scary. In 439 pages the author, acting as the fly on the wall or depending on numerous clandestine sources (which, for obvious reasons, he does not identify), describes both the ideology and tactics employed by Osama Bin Laden and his "Islamist" disciples in their holy war against Israel and America.

The major player or animator of this conflict is an unlikely candidate: Bin Laden is the heir to a fortune acquired by his industrious father in a construction business in Saudi Arabia. The son proved to be as capable as the father in the family business: close ties with the ruling Saudi dynasty didn't do any harm.

In Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan and several Middle Eastern countries Bin Laden has used his millions to subvert Muslim regimes considered to be corrupt, organized and financed armed warriors ready to execute their leader's orders and planned

and carried out devastating bombings against Americans in Saudi Arabia and East Africa.

The alchemical process by which a conventionally pious Muslim turns into a fanatical activist ready to die for his faith is not easy for the western mind to deagram or assimilate. Certainly in Bin Laden's case there are classic symbols of paranoia which fuel his hatred of the West.

For Bin Laden and his partners in the Sudan, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt, what we call "terrorism" is considered to be a fully legitimate and meritorious tool in the battle against the imperial encroachment of America.

The penetration by American forces and the ideology represented by the United States are seen as evidence of a willful attempt to destroy Islam. This unbalanced (some would say demented) view of American strategic interests was exacerbated by two events in the last decade of the twentieth century. The first pivoted on the Russian invasion of Afghanistan in the '80s. The

second involved American involvement in the 1991 Gulf War and the prolonged presence of American troops in Saudi Arabia.

Curiously, American support for Muslim Afghans against the Russians permitted Bin Laden's Islamist cadres to participate in and learn much about the art of war during battles with the Russian forces. Author Bodansky asserts that Bin Laden gained a sterling reputation not only as an ideologue but as an active fighter during the Afghanistan war. During battles with the Russians he personally used his company's huge earth-moving machines to counteract Russian tank manoeuvres.

Hindsight shows that American policy during that period was flawed: by supporting the Muslim cause in the interest of ridding Afghanistan of Russian troops, a greater menace was activated – Islamic terrorism. The genie, once released from the bottle, will not return.

By the time the Americans had defeated Saddam Hussein in the no contest Gulf War, Bin Laden had honed his rhetoric to precise registers. In speeches and articles he continually accused the Americans (because of their presence in a Muslim land) of being "enemies of God and of Islam," as the mantra goes.

In the Bin Laden lexicon they had to be expunged from all Muslim dominions. One of the most disquieting aspects of this unsettling book is the author's discussion of the way in which leading politicians in the Sudan, Pakistan and Iran have actively assisted Bin Laden in his terrorist enterprise. The Sudan's Hassan Turabi has played more than a cameo role in this mischief.

The multiple false passports from Arab lands which terrorists carry suggests official collusion on the part of Arab governments. However, Bodansky's reconstruction of the political intrigue involving Bin Laden and his minions pales in comparison with the details the author provides of the scores of assassination attempts and bombings carried out by Bin Laden's "troops." In this regard, the section on the nearly successful attack against President Mubarak of Egypt during a visit to Ethiopia in the early '90s shows Bodansky to be a very skillful writer. In Hollywood Bodansky would be scripting "thriller" films.

Part of his skill comes from the author's deep knowledge of ballistics, munitions technology, Semtex plastic explosives (communist Czechoslovakia's gift to the world) directional

bombs, delayed fuses, sophisticated barometric instruments (attached to bombs on airplanes), RPG rocket launchers – and other instruments of the devil which Bin Laden has impressed into his service for the fight against Israel and America.

That fight includes the bombings of civilian aircraft. Bodansky climbs out on a rather large limb when he suggests that the crash of TWA's Flight 800 on July 17, 1996 off the Long Island coast – for which no definitive explanation has been offered – was suspiciously similar to the Lockerbie, Scotland crash of Pan Am Flight 103 on December 21, 1988.

Bodansky does not mince words in backing up his suspicions. On page 179 he proposes the scenarios which doomed both aircraft and provides knee-trembling details about the explosive used (SEMTEX-H class), the direction of the shock wave, the "squeezing effect of the aircraft's rear structure," the incendiary charge and the resulting explosions. Almost as gruesome as the above description is the response of radical Islamists to the 1996 crash, as documented by the author. Their newspapers and communiques trumpeted the disaster as a legitimate response to "hated of the Americans on the Arab scene."

In his meditation on future developments, author Bodansky presents a very cogent analysis of the way in which Bin Laden's religious views have radicalized major segments of the Muslim world not only in the Middle East but among the Taliban in Afghanistan and similar thinking people in Indonesia, the Philippines, and the Balkans. In this context the concept of jihad or holy war comes to the fore.




Islamic scholars and their supporters in North America have argued forcefully that westerners have misunderstood the idea of jihad and have mistakenly transformed a subtle and multifaceted concept into a monolithic call to war against the infidel. However, Bodansky's quotations from modern Islamic scholars in Jordan and elsewhere indicate that the conventional view is much closer to the truth than the scholarly one.

While specialists debate the linguistic and philosophical meanings of jihad, Osama Bin Laden and his international force of "Mujhadeen", warriors, activate a literal and lethal definition of the word. Yossef Bodansky has put us on notice that we have been warned.

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## JEWISH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26
<p>The Soloway Jewish Community Centre Friendship Club, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenly Sachs Private, 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Canadian Technion Society Program with guest speaker Avner Schneur, 101 Centrepointe Drive, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>JET Hebrew Reading Crash Course, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenly Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Ottawa Torah Center Author Talk Lecture, Topic: Reincarnation and Judaism, The Journey of the Soul, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenly Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Talmud Classes with Rabbi Botnick, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel St., 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Malca Pass Library Book Discussion Group, Book: <i>Ani's Ghost</i> by Michael Ondaatje, Reviewer: Linda Rossmann, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Colclay Avenue, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET Siddur Survival Course, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Jewish Parenting Course, Topic: Teach every child according to their ways, Jewish Youth Library of Ottawa, 192 Switzer Avenue, 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Mitzvah Knitters, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenly Sachs Private, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Miracle Begins Group of Narcotics Anonymous, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Shira Ottawa Rehearsal, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenly Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p> Duplicate Bridge, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenly Sachs Private, 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Leadership Development Program, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenly Sachs Private, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET Jewish Living, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Moat's Ark Drop-In Shabbat, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Chai'ish Friday Night Dinner, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p> CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 4:07 PM</p>	<p>UJA's Young Adult Social Event, Hoops, 150 Sparks Street, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>UJA's Hands-On Mitzvah Day, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenly Sachs Private, all day.</p> <p>Jewish Mysticism with Rabbi Botnick, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>Talmud Study Group for Men, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenly Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p> Cable 22, 10:00 a.m.</p>

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
<p>The Soloway Jewish Community Centre Friendship Club Luncheon, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadorly Sachs Private, 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Ottawa Hadassah-WIZD, Designer Duds Used Clothing Sale, 1341 Wellington Street West, 12:00 - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET Hebrew Reading Crash Course, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadorly Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Talmud Classes with Rabbi Botnick, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:00 p.m.</p>  <p>JET Siddur Survival Course, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Jewish Parenting Course, Topic: Behaviour and Attitudes, Jewish Youth Library of Ottawa, 192 Switzer Avenue, 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Mitzvah Knitters, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadorly Sachs Private, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Greenberg Families Library presents Jewish Music Through The Ages, Topic: Women in Jewish Songs: Mothers, Daughters and Other Heroines, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadorly Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>The Miracle Begins Group of Narcotics Anonymous, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Duplicate Bridge, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadorly Sachs Private, 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Jewish Living, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, Machzikei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Drive, 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Noah's Ark Drop-In Shabbat, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.</p>  <p>CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 4:20 PM</p>	<p><b>REMEMBRANCE DAY</b></p> <p>Remembrance Day Shabbat Kiddush, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, after services.</p> <p>Soloway Jewish Community Centre, Arts Alive Cultural Fair, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadorly Sachs Private, 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Soloway Jewish Community Centre, Arts Alive Cultural Fair, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadorly Sachs Private, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Jewish Mysticism with Rabbi Botnick, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>Ladies Reception Committee for Newcomers Tea, home of Rena Cohen, 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Talmud Study Group For Men, Machzikei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Drive, 8:00 p.m.</p>
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
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